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Appl. No.: 09/191,702

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTERGroup Art Unit 1764
Examiner: J. Leung
Atty. Dkt. P 0251910
M# Client RefAppl. Title: APPARATUS FOR SEPARATION OF
CONSTITUENTS FROM MATRICES

Date: December 4, 2002

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herewith by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☒ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

For B & C
See **Required
Separate Paper**
(Pat-256)

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	19	**minus 35	0	x \$18/\$9 = + \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3	0	x \$84/\$42 = + \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time (leave blank if this is a <u>reissue</u> application) add				+ \$280/\$140 = + \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: September 4, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$400/\$200 = (3 mos) \$920/\$460 = (4 mos) \$1,440/\$720 = (5 mos) \$1,960/\$980 =	+ \$920		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8.			Extension Fee	+ \$920	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request add			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for				+ \$0	
15. TOTAL FEE =				\$920	
16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".					
17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.					
18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.					
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Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975)

(Our Order No. 043034 0251910

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CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND DRAWINGS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, Applicants kindly request approval for the following proposed drawing amendments.

IN THE DRAWINGS

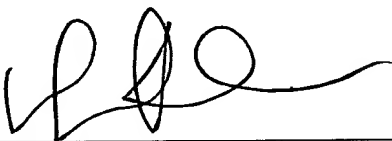
Please see the three attached drawings with proposed changes shown in red. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience and to indicate the removal of solid shading areas, Applicants have attached clean copies of the revised drawings as proposed.

REMARKS

The drawing changes are proposed bearing in mind the Examiner's concerns regarding the reference characters and the use of solid black shading areas. See paragraphs 3 and 4 of the outstanding Office Action. In addition, with respect to paragraph 2a of the outstanding Office Action, Applicant proposes to include a means for generating a vacuum in Figure 1 (reference character 39). Regarding the addition of reference character 39, Applicants note that the specification fully supports this addition. See, for instance, page 5, lines 3-5 of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is being introduced with the proposed amendments and approval of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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